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Pangasinan natives meet in cyberspace

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55 farmers flying home

Gov't given 'space' to fulfill GMA promise of Sumilao land

THE 55 FARMERS WHO walked 1,700 kilometers to Manila for two months to press their claim to a disputed property will return home on Sunday to Sumilao, Bukidnon, in a C-130 plane promised to them by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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GROUND ZERO [illegible]

Agri federation backs farmers on land claim

THE LARGEST FEDERATION OF [illegible]

'Amparo' granted to kin of 2 activists

ILOILO CITY—THE ILOILO Regional Trial Court (RTC) has granted a writ of amparo to the families of two activists [illegible]

Seized luxury cars entered Cebu, dealers suspect

CEBU CITY— [illegible]

Esperon says Lacson in coup plot

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Butterflies greet visitors to DENR

BUTTERFLIES FLUTTERING IN A GARDEN [illegible]

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New RP lobby deal bared

Roxas asks Palace to scrap $50-M contract with US firm



ROXAS

Contract provisions

Public bidding

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WHAT'S INSIDE

Running priest returns to Hong Kong

By Blanche S. Rivera
Correspondent

HONG KONG—RUNNING PRIEST FR. Robert Reyes is back in Hong Kong, shaking off a hold departure order that his lawyer argued should have been lifted with the dismissal of the rebellion charge against him.

Reyes, who was detained for 14 days in Camp Crame for his presence at the Manila Peninsula Hotel during the siege, flew in on Dec. 19 to work out his employment at the Chinese University here.

He said Immigration officials tried to bar him from leaving on Wednesday, but his lawyer Frank Chavez spoke with the immigration officer and explained that the priest could not be held because there was no case against him.

"I thought the hold-departure order would be automatically lifted with the dismissal of the charge but they (Immigration) said it did not work that way. Each of us in the list has to facilitate the lifting of his own HDO," Reyes said in an interview a day after he arrived.

Hundreds of overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong had been clamoring for Reyes' return to the city. A Free Father Robert campaign would have been launched, but Reyes was released before the group could make an appeal with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

The priest has formed at least two organizations here: Lakbay Lingap and Hakbang Ko, a group of runners, survivors and caregivers, many of them domestic workers.

"That's why I made every effort to come back to Hong Kong immediately," he said.

Reyes, who has been criticized by some sectors here, maintained that he was "clueless" until he got to the Manila Peninsula, where Magdalo soldiers were holed in on Nov. 29.

"I don't feel bad and angry. I understand situations like that require some secrecy but for people who are major players in a serious situation, we should at least have an idea. I didn't have an idea," he said.

Reyes said he went to the Philippines to find a caregiver for his aging parents and attend a reunion of his former classmates who had opted out of the seminary. He was supposed to fly back to Hong Kong on Nov 30.

Late evening on Nov. 27, Kilusang Makabansang Ekonomiya chair Jimmy Regalario called him and asked that he celebrate Mass for the urban poor in Makati, which he turned down, but Regalario was persistent.

"I would not say I was misled, but I didn't know the whole plan," Reyes said.

He said he will hold his conviction "never to subscribe to violence."

"Some people are lumping me with Trillanes and confusing the methodology with the objectives," Reyes said.

"At least Trillanes knows where he wants to go, and our dreams are somehow similar. I agree to the dream but not through military might and violence," he said.

The priest will spend Christmas in Hong Kong before flying to the Philippines in January to officiate a wedding.

CHEATING REHEARSAL?

Solon urges probe of 'Wowowee' video on YouTube

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Resurrection of old issue

CA upholds conviction of Laguna mayor's killers

'IT'S TIME FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION'

Reds gone in 2010—GMA

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18 RP workers rescued as Nigerian rebs attack

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Grandma, 73, wins freedom

Batasan blast case now in court

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Pack-up time



GMA, SMC bead talking, says Gonzalez

2 fronts

Settlement talks

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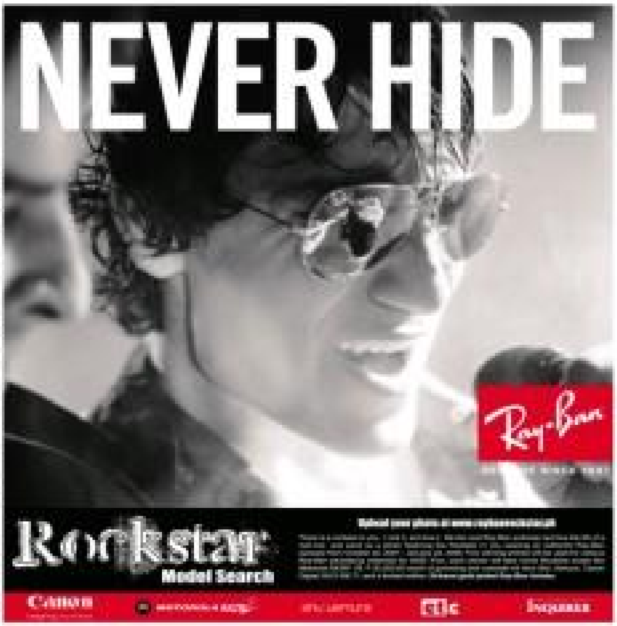
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RP can tap 'green' fund in '09

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Gov't challenges Mormon priest's rape acquittal

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DFA open today for passport releasing

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Esperon says Lacson in February coup plot

Lacson not a threat

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Mahar Mangahas

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After Ranario, GMA should make the same sacrifice for other OFWs

Nuns voice concern over ecological crisis

'Sunny Christmas' dream

Pagasa explains 'changing' forecasts on Typhoon Mina

Across the NATION

Evacuees return to ransacked homes

LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL SUR—MANOBO EVACUEES from 12 villages of Andap Valley here have finally returned home to their communities on Thursday, barely four days before Christmas, only to find their shelters and schools already ransacked.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Skeletons found in mass grave

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3 hurt in Compostela blast

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Fires destroy more than P30M

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Prank calls pester Ozamiz cops

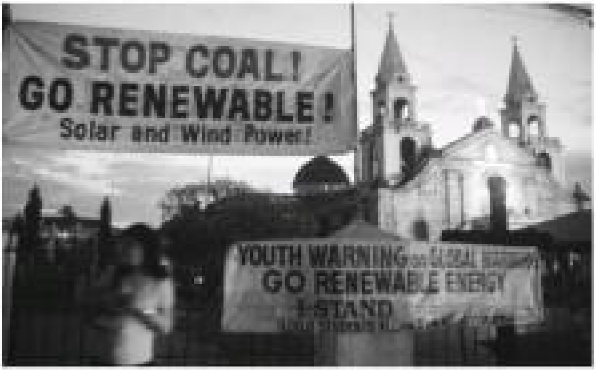
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Ex-cop nabbed for abduction

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Guard dead in bank heist

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HOLIDAY MESSAGE

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Raps filed vs Egyptian linked to bomb plot

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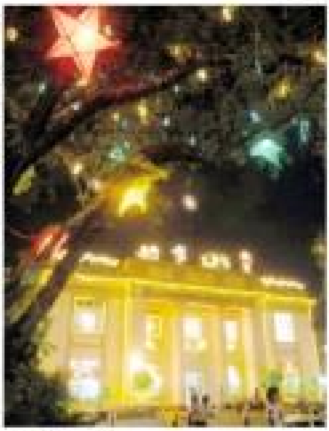
No end in sight for delay in school repair



CHILDREN are the ones who suffer most from displacement as a result of typhoons in the Bicol region.

LEGAZPI CITY—NO QUICK end is in sight for the repair and construction of schools that were damaged and destroyed by successive typhoons in Bicol [illegible]

DAVAO AGLOW Christmas ornaments at the Quezon Park and City Hall in Davao City help bring in the holiday mood. Residents and visitors flock to the area to view the decorations. City officials have made it a tradition to bring out the decorations every year during the Yuletide season.



Case filed vs mayor over relocation plan

SUBIC, ZAMBALES—THE PROVINCIAL government's Task Force Bangka has filed a complaint against the mayor of this town for his alleged refusal to release documents related to the relocation project for 478 families displaced by a Korean shipbuilding firm.

The complaint, filed at the Ombudsman for Luzon on Dec. 18, said Mayor Jeffrey Khonghun violated Republic Act No. 6713, or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

In a three-page complaint, Ramon Lacbain II, Carlos Gatdula Jr., Belen Figueroa, David Marcelo, Stephen Ramos and Ruben Gadiaza said Khonghun failed to answer the task force's requests to release the documents on the Agusuhin relocation project.

The requests, contained in letters dated Sept. 5 and Oct. 18, were unanswered despite the lapse of almost two months, they said.

The law requires public officials and employees to "act promptly on letters and requests" by the public within 15 working days from the date these were received.

It also "obliges public officials and employees to "make documents accessible to the public."

In a phone interview, Khonghun said he could not comment on the complaint because he had not received a copy of it. "I will make a statement once I receive a copy," he told the Inquirer.

He confirmed receiving "some letter requests" from the task force but did not say why his office failed to release the papers.

Lacbain, chair of the task force formed by Gov. Amor Deloso in July, said the documents could clarify and answer the issues and concerns raised by residents.

They include certified copies of the program of work, building permits, change order, certificate of acceptance, lists of actions undertaken, subdivision plan of the relocation site, environmental compliance certificates, and certificates of titles or awards.

The task force reported that four structures were unfinished, 23 others were labeled "loose," three were considered finished while two school buildings were marked "collapsed."

A Malacañang source said a DPWH team estimated the costs of the existing structures at only P5 million.

Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Co. Ltd. purchased P38 million worth of construction materials in May 2006 to build the relocation site. It had earlier spent P30 million more for compensation to the settlers.

Khonghun, as mayor, oversaw the project while former Gov. Vicente Magsaysay admitted to supervising the payments for damages. Both tasks were supposed to be done by the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

Robert Gonzaga, Inquirer Central Luzon

RP gov't teams preparing for climate change havoc

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE country's disaster response and management agencies are preparing for the adverse impact of climate change on weather patterns.

National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) executive officer Glenn Rabonza said the NDCC expected stronger typhoons to batter the country.

"Even without climate change, we are already battered by natural calamities. So this could get worse," Rabonza said in an interview.

In November, three typhoons slammed the country—"Kabayan," "Lando" and "Mina."

The environment and development organization Germanwatch last week reported that the Philippines was No. 1 in the 2006 Global Climate Risk Index, which measures the amount of risks a country faces from extreme and natural calamities.

This was a jump from the ranking of 51 in 2005.

Germanwatch reported that storms in the Philippines resulted to at least 1,267 deaths and losses totaling $4.5 billion.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a scientific intergovernmental body, has issued four reports stating general increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising sea temperatures due to the warming of the climate system.

"We must be very cautious not to cause unnecessary alarm … This is the importance of a scientific basis for assessments and corresponding policy decisions," said Rabonza.

He said at least two research projects were ongoing to establish the impact of climate change on the Philippines.

The World Bank-funded project started this year and will be completed in three years.

The $15-million project, partly funded by the Global Environment Fund, seeks to develop a systematic diagnosis of climate-related problems and the designs of cost-effective measures.



HUNDREDS of schoolchildren join a parade organized by the environmental group Greenpeace in Quezon City. [illegible]

INQUIRER Visayas

LOPEZ-JAENA AT 151

The hero still isn't home



People find refuge in nature parks of Samar town

The thriving "firecracker capital" of Cebu

FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, BARANGAY BABAG 1 IN Lapu-Lapu City on Mactan Island has been known as the "Firecracker Capital" of Cebu because of its thriving pyrotechnic industry.



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Shabu raw materials seized

Illegal substance found in 2 vans at South Harbor

By Margaux C. Ortiz

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS INTERcepted yesterday at South Harbor's Port of Manila several drums of chemicals that could be turned into P500 million worth of methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu). Bureau of Customs (BoC) Commissioner Napoleon Morales, who inspected the seized materials with Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) chief Dionisio Santiago, said the chemicals were hidden inside two container vans. Morales said the container that arrived Nov. 30 from Taiwan revealed "suspicious images" prompting BoC x-ray field officers to conduct a thorough examination.

They found eight drums of chemicals, 14 cans of colorless liquids, eight cans of red powder, 10 boxes of pornographic DVDs and two machines hidden behind boxes of toys.

PDEA chemists later confirmed the drums and cans contained toluene and methyl ethyl ketone, both essential chemicals in the manufacture of shabu. These chemicals, when mixed with other ingredients,

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GUYITO AT MASCOTS PARADE

Suspect's death inside police station probed

Shabu

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Inventory of Pasig City ballot boxes over

MetroBriefs

New hospital for Parañaque

Unlicensed beauty products

New homes for Christmas

Random acts of kindness

On Target

Ramon Tulfo

N. Korea resists Dec. 31 deadline

Ex-East bloc countries lift border barriers



US Congress approves tighter gun control law

Scientists say asteroid may hit Mars in late January

WorldBriefs

Insurgent 'torture chamber' found in Iraq

Aftershocks jolt New Zealand

US Congress slaps restrictions on Pakistan aid

Man cleared of N. Ireland's worst atrocity

Spain seeks extradition of ex-Guantanamo men

Israeli forces kill 7 Gaza gunmen

The WORLD

Pakistan mosque bombing kills 50

CHARSADDA—AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE were killed on Friday in a suicide bombing at a mosque in northwest Pakistan [illegible]

[illegible] AFP

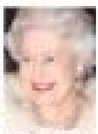
Bush won't discuss CIA videotapes

WASHINGTON—US PRESIDENT GEORGE W. Bush [illegible]

[illegible] Reuters

Queen Elizabeth II becomes Britain's oldest monarch

LONDON—QUEEN Elizabeth II [illegible]



QUEEN Elizabeth II

[illegible] AFP

SPORTS



Red Bull whips Welcoat, keeps grip on No. 2

Tigers roll to 5th straight win; Magnolia tests Alaska in CdO





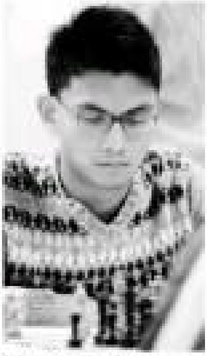


Abap filing protest before 2007 ends



LOPEZ

Sadorra settles for fourth in Singapore Masters tilt



SADORRA: Best Filipino finisher

Why mope, we won the basketball gold, didn't we?

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P1 Million Poker tourney at Airport Casino today

MCC non-master begins

SJC 4-cock derby up

Pamaskong Salpukan today

NCA World Championship features top cockers

RP cyclists rule Tour of Thailand



La Salle golfers just too dogged for Ateneo crew

Clinched after 18 matches

Crucial victory



Protectors, San Mig five eye outright finals seats

Blemish-free 66 puts Que 2 off in Thailand



TOAST TO RP FOOTBALL

Cebu batters ready to wrap up title series

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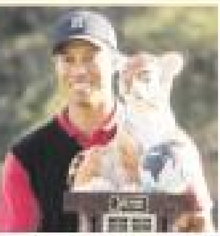


James, Cavaliers shut down Kobe, Lakers

Payton wants to join Celtics

Jeter reserves judgment on Clemens

Tiger Woods: The star is also a fan



Dog ate World Series ball, says pitcher



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BUSINESS

Export growth for 2007 seen at a low 6%

BSP cites slowing US economy, strong peso

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS SAID the country's merchandise exports were likely to grow by only 6 percent this year, slower than the official government target of 11 percent.

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PESO-DOLLAR RATE

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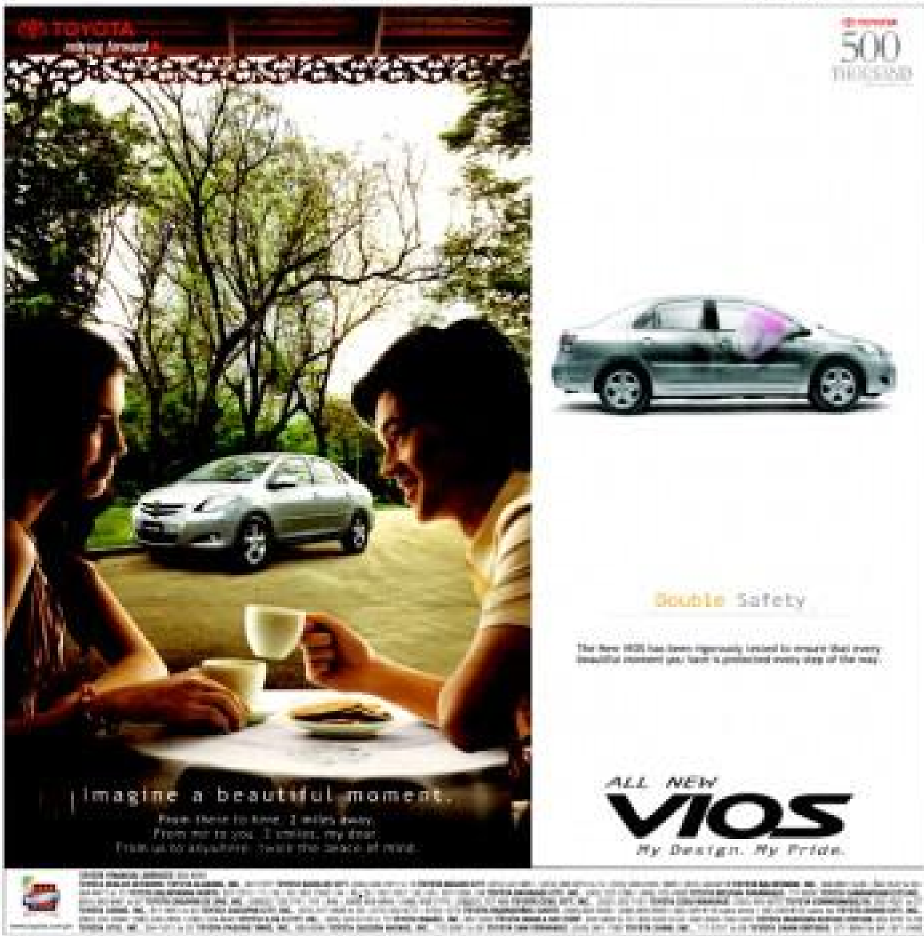
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Export growth for 2007 ...

Stocks ...

GMA Network, IPVG forge gaming joint venture

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Gov't sees lower 91-day T-bill rate in '08

Bellwether debt paper rates to range from 3.5% to 4.5%



GASSING UP FOR COLLEGE

House committee to investigate Zed's operations

NFA opens bidding for 450,000 MT of long grain rice

10-mo VAT collection hits ₱121.2B

Rate increase slower than economic growth



FOOD SUPPLY, PRICE MONITORING

Meat processors to sell in barangay food terminals

PPA seeks ₱10-B loan from Spain for projects

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Perfect comfort food with Jollibee Express Delivery

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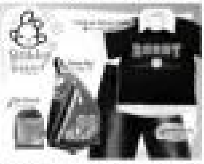


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Mitsubishi, BPI tie up for 'Balik Bayani' auto program



Christmas gifts for the young ones



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Study to migrate to Australia



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Christmas puzzles



Eureka!
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New data on Merck's cervical cancer vaccine in women

Avoid excessive eating, drinking this holiday season

By Charles E. Buban

Stress and fatigue

Only 14 percent

No. 1 risk

No symptoms

Lost and found

CAREPLUS

Christine F. Herrera



No known cure

Initial assessment



THE MACARAEG couple in the United States before seeking treatment at St. Luke's.



DR. Jacqueline Dominguez with the couple at St. Luke's Memory Center

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Maxie Santos Ballon



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By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

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A big boost

Reasonably priced

Laudable marketing strategy

Direct beneficiaries

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Mortgage mess squeezes Wall Street bonuses

Financials lift shares, but jumpy over credit

More volatility in stock markets expected

Oil prices rise on supply woes

Airbus signs deals for 30 jets for Vietnam Airlines

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Caution

Most important message



Joseph, the builder

LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Joseph, the carpenter

An example of a chaste life

Joseph the family man





Go to Joseph

AWESOME STRUCTURES

The Santa Claus Village



CAMELLA PRESTIGE'S TREVI

Rising to the demands of fast-paced urban lifestyle

Vertical residences



First-class features, comforts

Eclectic, functional design

Prime neighbors



Makati's newest lifestyle mall

A blend of influences

Convenience and leisure

A perfect lounge experience

Attractive packages



Color it red

Design Dimensions

Symbols of love, fidelity, affinity

Used to punctuate space



THE RED lips sofa, inspired by Salvador Dali's depiction of Mae West's sultry red lips.



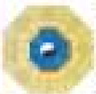
THE FLOWER chair, designed and sold in only one color: red.

Touch of boldness, femininity

A perfect . . .

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Housing developers satisfied with current industry trends

FOR THE LARGEST national organization of subdivision and housing developers in the Philippines, the country's housing industry may finally be seeing the light of day.

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Demand on the rise

[illegible]



THE COUNTRY'S housing industry is experiencing impressive growth since the start of 2007.

More conducive

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Consultative body

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Representation

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This week Super means => Santa- Usa- Parol- Elf- Regalo

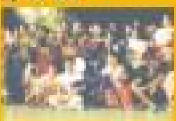


Greenpeace on Earth



Heavenly creatures
by Jesus Manahan

Don your gay apparel
by Tais Diaz



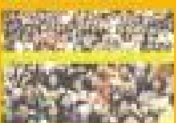
Feasts on Earth

Do you hear what I hear
by James Cabrillo



Let it glow

Jingle bell rocks
by Katrina Holigores



Cajun corner



Merry Christmas from super



JUDDHA Paolo is the perfect Greenpeace volunteer



Earth Angels



AMANDA Griffin is an avid supporter and animal lover

It's easy to go green and dream of a white Christmas

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE change are more visible now than in the past years. It affects every living thing on the planet and could cause everything from the extinction of beautiful animals to the wacky weather we have recently experienced. The past year has seen a lot of movement in the area of the environment, from the huge success of An Inconvenient Truth, to the DiCaprio backed Eleventh Hour, it seems that everyone has gone green. Sad to say that the beautiful Christmas lights that wrap Ayala Avenue aren't exactly energy efficient, so at Super have tied up with Greenpeace to make awareness so that everyone can do their little bit to save the planet and for all of us to have a Green Christmas.

Far from the headline-grabbing antics of the Rainbow warrior and their crew, Greenpeace Philippines has launched campaigns that everyone can participate in. The Simple Lang campaign aims to remind Filipinos that everyone can do a little something to help the environment. Unplug appliances when they aren't being used, hang clothes instead of using the dryer. Celebrity spokespersons from Greenpeace share what they have been doing for this green cause.

Bag designer, model, mother [illegible] is helping the environment in her own glamorous way. The [illegible] of her [illegible] collection of bags is an environmentally friendly shopper bag. The "I'm a Savvy Shopper" bag encourages shopaholics to [illegible] the plastic bags given away in stores and [illegible] them straight into the family [illegible] too. The bags cost P250 at [illegible] stores. [illegible] of it will be donated to Greenpeace. Who needs all that plastic to get in the good stuff anyway?

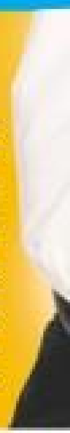
Energy is one of the most important factors that affect climate change. The burning of fossil fuels and the emission this results is a big concern. Finding other ways to [illegible] and [illegible] energy is one major cause for Greenpeace. The energetic Juddha Paolo is the perfect volunteer to support Greenpeace's energy related campaigns. He has volunteered in several of the organization's campaigns, mostly with the Climate and Energy campaign. To help promote the renewable energy bill, he helped install a solar panel at the Apo Island Elementary School [illegible] to Greenpeace last year.

Genetically modified organisms (GMO) are chemicals released on fields to enhance and produce crops. Greenpeace maintains that this is harmful to human health and the environment and the effects are irreversible.

Amanda Griffin has been supporting Greenpeace since 2005. Most recently she, together with [illegible] and Angel Aquino have been leading the petition against the application of Bayer's GMO rice.

From all of us at Super have a Green Christmas!

To get involved and learn more about Greenpeace and their projects, visit www.greenpeace.org.ph





The Dahon Program: Helping turn a new leaf

The ready to go meal in a banana leaf made famous by nationwide food chain Binalot is an integral part in greening the environment and aiding in the livelihood growth of the country

The Banana Farmers' Plight

Greening the environment



A Charmed Life

Change your 'chi' (life force) energy with a little crystal cheer



A NEW YEAR IS APproaching and a lot of internal and external spring cleaning is in order.



Wishing auspiciously

A different kind of bling

Luck be a lady





super

Heed the foodie call with the latest gastronomical bible to hit the bookshelves. Yummmm!





The Best Kept Secret is Out



OUT THE WINDOW
Tais Diaz









The Best Kept Secret is Out











Recycled holidays

International paper artist Tes Pasola goes green and crafts ingenious Christmas décor for a good cause









Comfort cajun and creole cuisine from Bourbon Street finds a new home on the High Street





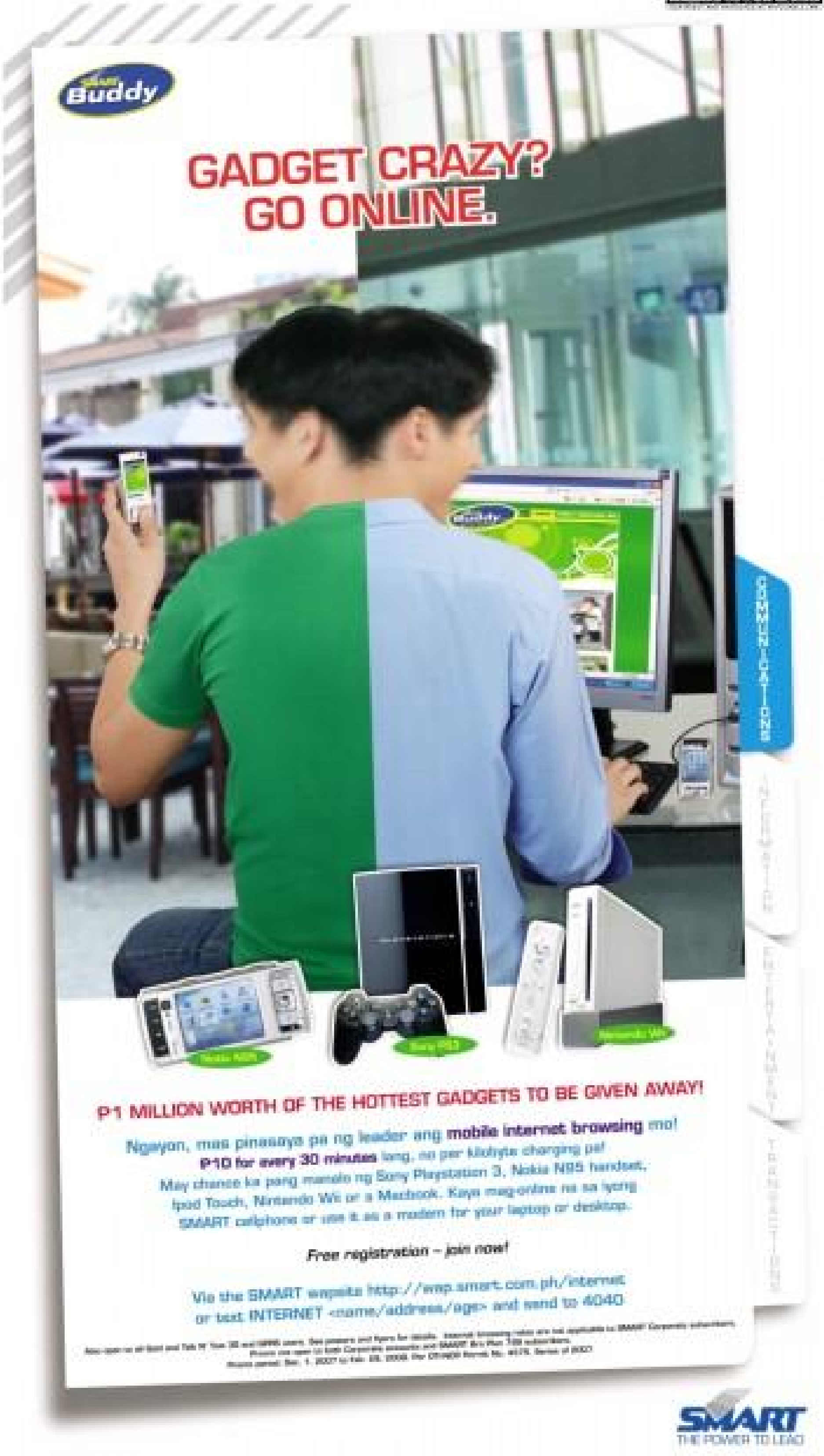
Space Invaders

The rebirth of New Orleans



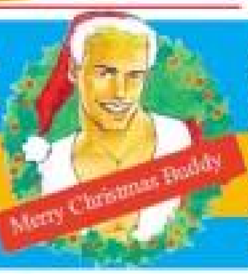





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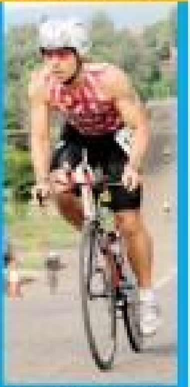
Tomorrow in Lifestyle:
Young chefs-in-training and their take on 'noche buena'

The 12 gays of Christmas



Why don't you give love on Christmas, gay?

THERE IS SOMETHING, how should I say it, very Broadway about all these Christmas carols.







SUPER! SELECTIONS

Last-minute stocking stuffers

Big gifts, small packages



T-Box gets the Super thumbs-up for its nifty, candy-colored, shrink-wrapped packaging. Choice pieces from the store—from beaded purses and clingy tops to headbands and beach towels—are a breeze to wrap. And as if that's not enough attraction, T-Box is offering up to 40 percent off for every accumulated, single receipt purchase until Dec. 31. T-Box stores are located at the 2nd level of the Power Plant Mall, 2nd level TriNoma Mall and 5th level of the Shangri-La Plaza.



Flip flop fever

The insane amount of pairs sold and the throngs of people that storm the stores when new stocks arrive leaves one with no doubt that Pinoys are hooked on Havaianas. Feed your friends' (and their babies') flip flop frenzy with pairs from the Brazilian brand's 2008 collection. Havaianas are available at All Flip Flops, Cebu, Chocolate Clothing Co., Gas, J&C, Woom, Nail Spa, ROX, Rustan's, Sogo, Stripes, TheZone, Orange Juice and Kulupoen.



No More Drama

YOU'VE GOT THE VOICE, THE TALENT, and the band. Now all you need are able hands for applause, willing ears to listen to your music, and the perfect venue to perform in. Lucky for you, the Internet is a great place for Indie bands to have all that because through it, you can share your songs to not just your family and friends but to people all over the globe. Imagine having the entire world as your stage and audience!

Thanks to Nokia's Independent Artists Club (IAC), these indie artists now have a shot at amplifying their music to cyberspace even more, sharing it to a wider audience.

Presented by Nokia, the mobile music leader, IAC is meant to be the hub for new music for fresh homegrown talents in Asia. IAC gives new acts the means to be discovered through its exclusive IAC chart.

This week, Super together with Nokia Music's Independent Artists Club, lets their discerning ears in one of IAC's fastest rising Indie bands, Juan Drama Jr.

What's in a name

"Juan" and "Jr." is a tribute to the acclaimed Filipino rock band Juan dela Cruz, and "Drama" sums up our own experiences in trying to make it in the local indie music scene."

Juan-O-1

"Juan Drama Jr. was formed in 2005 when Pinoy front man Gab Jones and Canadian guitarist Junior Fernando decided to get together for some jamming after having heard each other play at a ...-sponsored ... Night in ...

"The band is made up of former frontmen of Indie-based band ... Gab Jones on vocals, guitars, and keyboards and frontman for Canadian band ... Junior on vocals, on guitars, bass, ... and back-up vocals.



Juan Drama Jr.

Current status

"We just finished recording the album called ...

"We are also working on the 2008 release of our first music videos for the tracks ... videos were shot in ... in La Union and ... we are also on the production of our ... for another track from ... called ..."

Joy of Indie-pendence

"The best thing is that ... to sound like the most popular band."

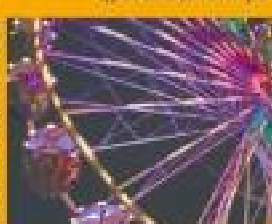
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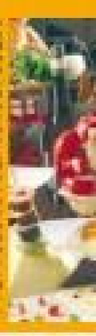
"Our music is pop rock, ...



24/7 SUPER RADAR

By Jaime Cuenca Dizon and Bel Juan



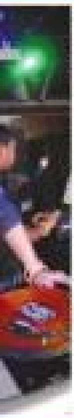


The 12 Gays of Christmas





Born to be wireless



Music just sounds better with Sony Bluetooth, which showcased its aural fixation at a party in Embassy with DJ Echo. Sony's wireless portfolio includes the S610 Series Network Walkman, which is an ordinary portable video-mp3 player. With the help of Sony Bluetooth transmitters, non Bluetooth audio products with an audio-out can now transmit wireless music to other Bluetooth ready products like indoor/outdoor headsets, and micro hi-fi systems, etc. Now this is the future of music.







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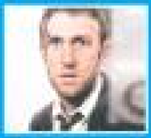


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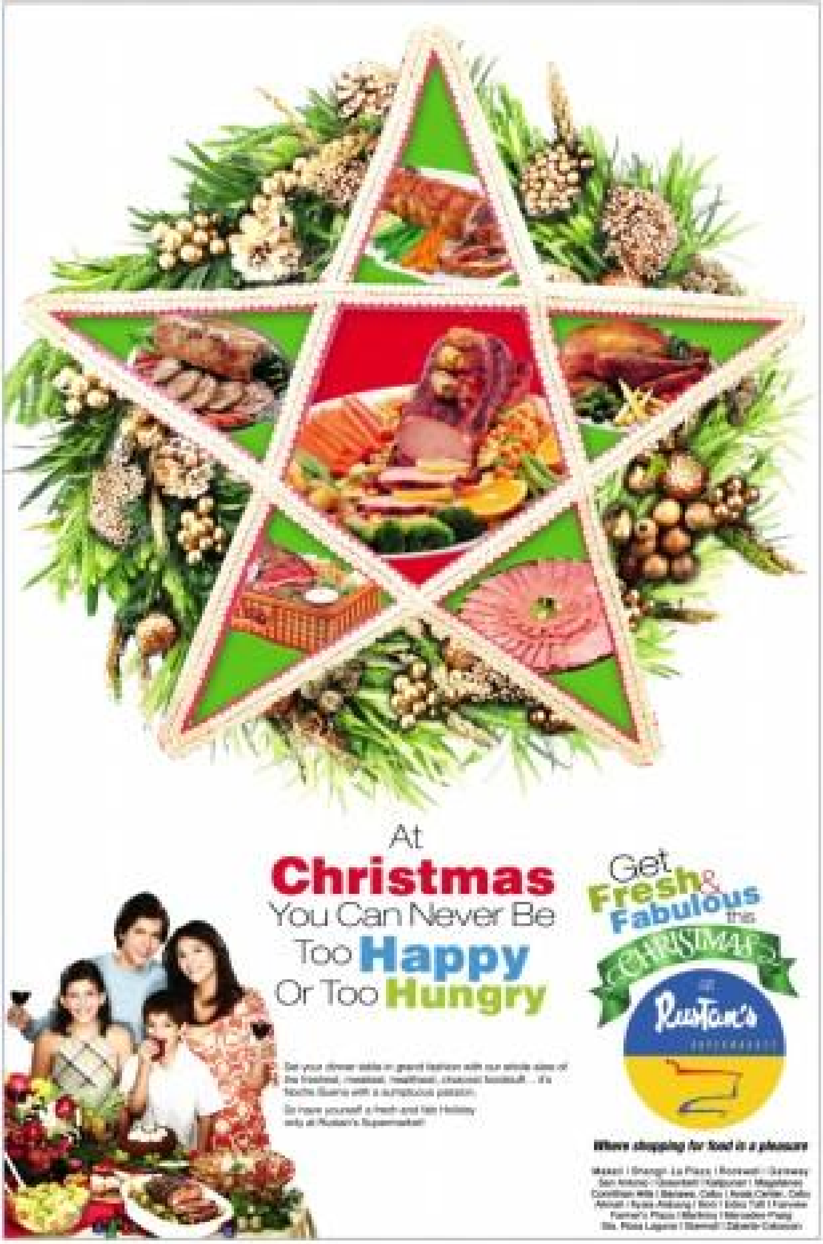


THUNDER ROAD



James Gabrillo

Alternative artists behind groove-worthy beats that you may have missed this season









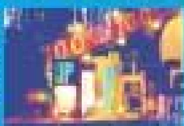


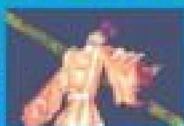
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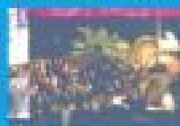
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celebrates its 80th year
the Lantern Parade





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Good music(ians) ...

From page F1



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Tosca's previous releases, "Dehli 9" feels like the open-air jazz-inflected meditation of musicians that can't quite be pinned down.

Sounds come freeform rather than reposed in the trademark Tosca style. The result, according to Huber, is a hybrid of [illegible] ... It's more like the living room and not the rock concert."

Like a lot of relaxing things, "Dehli 9" arises out of a series of seemingly discordant sounds that, in the end, turn out to be weirdly complementary and mood-inducing.

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"Dehli 9" took more than two years to record and mix, and the end result is unpredictable, [illegible] —and also deeply relaxing—all at the same time.





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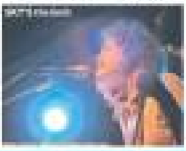
LAB report album

Lab report

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SATURDAY *Special*

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Stardom beckons to young musical comers



PINEDA is Journey's newest lead vocalist.

By Rito P. Asilo

THE LOCAL MUSIC scene has something to crow about this month: While Fil-Am hottie Nicole Scherzinger, The Pussycat Dolls' former lead vocalist, is busy drumming up interest for her solo album, "Her Name is Nicole," we receive word from actress Christine Carlos that a homegrown Filipino singer has been tapped by the popular rock band, Journey, to replace its lead vocalist, Jeff Scott Soto, who left the group in June.

Power ballads

Originally headlined by Steve Perry, Journey—which popularized the power ballads, "Who's Crying Now?," "Only the Young," and the karaoke staple, "Open Arms"—found its new frontman, Arnel Pineda, early this month after seeing footage of the small-voiced Pinoy rock singer performing Journey covers with local rock cover band, The Zoo, on YouTube.

Pineda completes the rock quintet that also includes Jonathan Cain, Neal Schon, Deen Castronovo and Ross Valory. So, uploading those grainy clips on the 2-year-old video-sharing website does have its advantages, after all.

Indeed, the local entertainment scene is in a treasure trove of musical riches. Other fresh faces are also gearing up for their share of the spotlight. A few years ago, we found ourselves listening to the recording debut of a new acoustic group called 2 Tone. We weren't really bowled over by the familiar repertoire—after all, most of their songs were remakes.

However, the group's lead vocalist managed to give those romantic ballads a fresh sound and a warm, lived-in musical sensibility. The rich, velvet-smooth voice belonged to Richard Poon—the grandstanding brother of versatile singer cum character actress Eva Marie Poon—who sang Joey Albert's "Million Miles Away," Cliff Richard's "Suddenly" and Stevie Wonder's "It's You" like they were written for him.

Fast forward to the present: Richard comes into his own with the release of his career-making solo album, "I'll Take Care of You," the carefully chosen lineup of which includes Harry Connick Jr. staples ("Mess," "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off"), classic movie themes ("Moon River") and OPM hits ("Kahit Maputi Na ang Buhok Ko").

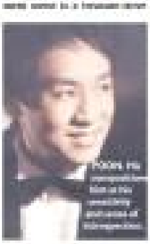
Richly melodic

Richard has the kind of voice that shines in songs that require pitch-perfect singing, so his style suits richly melodic tunes like "The Last Time."

Another noteworthy track is the recently rendered album opener, "I'll Take Care of You," which shows off Poon's ability to glide from one tricky note to another without effort.

But, he is less successful in his cover of the well-loved Henry Mancini classic, "Moon River," whose sleek, new arrangement strips the song of its melancholy and dreamy wistfulness. And Richard's relaxed singing style occasionally leads to some slurred notes.

Unlike most crooners, however, Richard is not just another beautiful voice. He also writes songs that thrive in his smooth rendition. The Big Band-sounding "Smitten" and the lusciously somber "Goodbye" hint at the crooner's songwriting



POON: His...



POPULAR rock band discovered its new lead vocalist Pinoy rocker on YouTube.

and sense of introspection. Another sample of Poon's notable compositions, "Lolala," is a moodful tune that is featured in Pablo Pascual's "Nasaan Kita Ngayon?" album.)

But, Richard also knows how to turn it up, as is evident in his playful remaking of Rey Valera's "Kahit Maputi Na Ang Buhok Ko." With his distinctive voice and a cracklingly catchy, Latin-tinged arrangement, he sings "Way Back Into Love" (from the film, "Music and Lyrics") with the flair and confidence of a pro—and musically demonstrates how he makes his mark in his solo debut.

Davao-based talent

Another singer who deserves a big break is Thor, who, like South Border's Jay Durias and Freestyle's Jinky Vidal, is a Davao-based talent.

His album, "Soul Obsessions—Dance with Thor," shows us why.

Thor holds his own in his collaborations with MYMP ("Be My Number Two"), Nina ("Whenever You Call"), Luke Mejares ("The Girl is Mine"), Amber ("Spend My Life With You"), Kris ("You Don't Know Me"), and Duday, who teams up with the promising singer in the album's best track, "What About Love?"

Where to Stop Where to Go

Shangri-La's Christmas options



Grand holiday dining at The Richmonde Grill



Palaisdaan Restaurant hosts your family reunion

The Linden Suites' Holiday Gifts

The perks of being Tony Roma's 'friend'



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Yuletide tunes vivify spirit of the holidays



Wrong perception

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Loud is in? Defend yourself with the remote control!

Microphones

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FEU tops 'Sun Dance Grand Showdown'

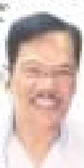
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'Dance Fever'

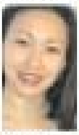
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Broadcaster of the Year



Santa at Starmalls

Emily Chua Yap



At Richmonde Grill

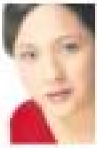
'3 Days of Darkness'

Jet Li

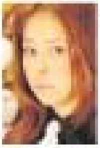


Movies on TV

Gina, Angela and Marlene in 'TVM' Hong Kong







More viewers weigh in on dubious awards

By Nestor U. Torre

Bottom line

Deserving winners

SATURDAY Special

It's the season to say, 'Thank you'



‘Wild girls’ dominate show biz headlines in 2007







Struggle

Tabloid photos

Matchbox Twenty returns with more polished sound



Solo career

Playlist

Signature combination

Two heads are better than one for Tarog and Antipuesto

Intelligence

Inspiration

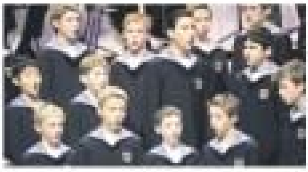
It’s the season to say, ‘Thank you’







Christmas is hard work for world's oldest boy group



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Giving and receiving

Merry Christmas to all!

BREASTFEEDING

Breastfeeding tips for career moms



Breastfeeding mom Chiqui Roa-Puno with daughter Sabrina

KNOW MORE ABOUT IT

A STRONG COMMITMENT

GET SUPPORT AT WORK AND AT HOME



Unique combination of abilities keeps Dolphy on top



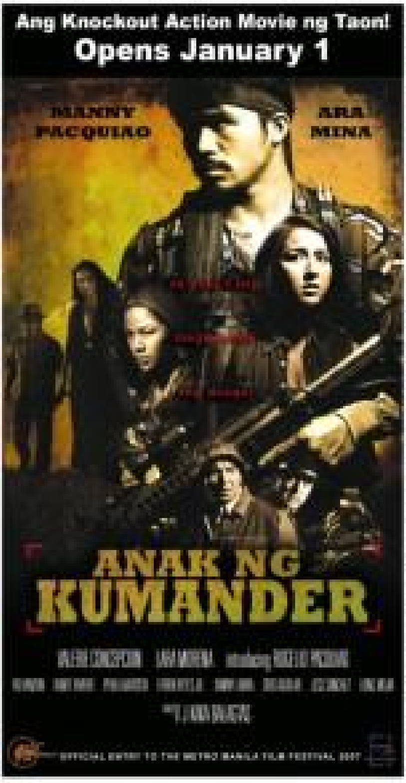
DOLPHY: Made good use of his penchant for lampooning current events.

Most significant

Spoofs

Substantial role






PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

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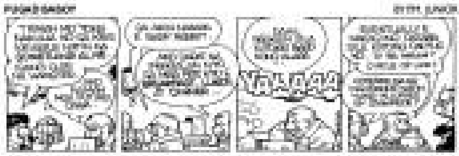
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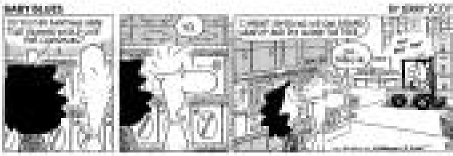


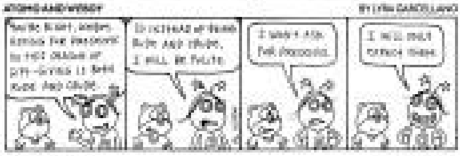


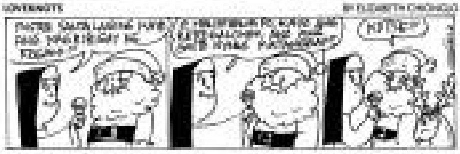




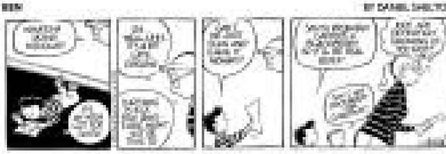




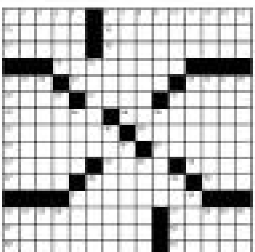


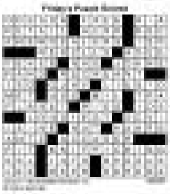






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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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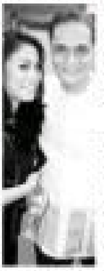
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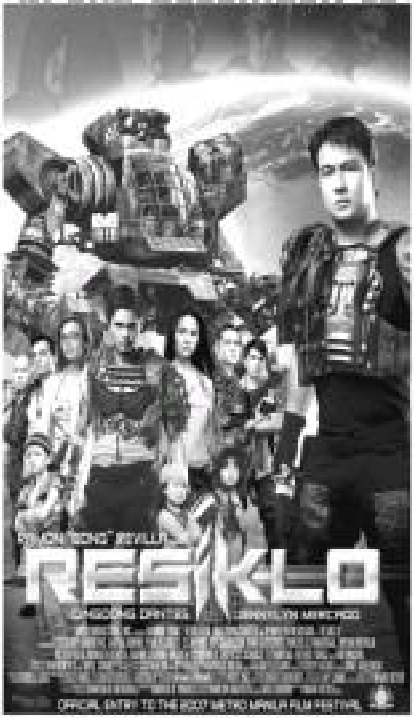
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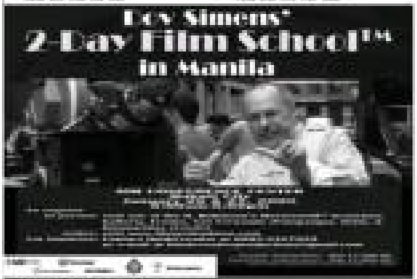
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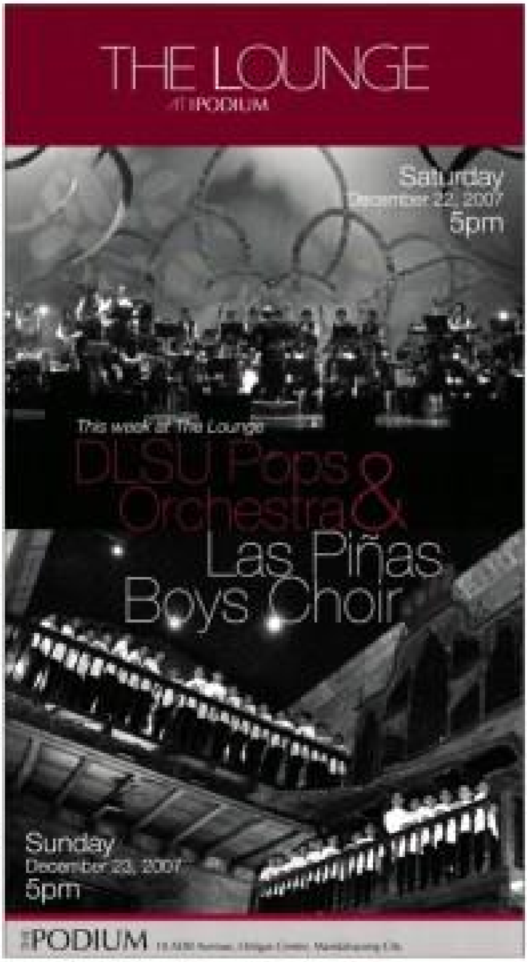
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MOST ADMIRED TV PERSONALITIES

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SATURDAY Special

Golden Globes set new faces on the road to stardom



LOS ANGELES—SOME STARS are born, others toil for years before landing a dream role. Occasionally, the road to Hollywood's red carpet starts at a New York ice cream shop. Nikki Blonsky, the teenager plucked from an ice cream parlor to star in the musical, "Hairspray," was one the new faces nominated for a Golden Globe award, which could propel them to Hollywood's A-list.

Blonsky, 19, picked up a nomination for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy for her acting debut as a plump girl who wants to dance on a 1960s TV show. At 16, she auditioned for the part on Broadway, but she was turned down because she was too young. "A year ago, she was in high school. She'd never done anything in her life, and now, to be a Golden Globe nominee—it's so thrilling!," enthused Craig Zadan, one of "Hairspray's" producers.



BLONSKY: "Born" to play her comic ingenue role in "Hairspray."



COTILLARD: Plays iconic singer Edith Piaf in "La Vie en Rose."



PAGE: Nominated for playing a pregnant teen in "Juno."

Creation

Blonsky's co-star, John Travolta, who got a Best Supporting Actor citation, said she was born for the part. "Once in every decade, there's a person who has a passion for a specific role."

Blonsky was joined by Ellen Page, 20, also nominated for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy for playing an intelligent, pregnant teen in the coming-of-age movie, "Juno." Page has said she tries to steer clear of stereotypical roles for teenage girls and has already won two breakthrough awards in the United States for her role in "Juno."

James McAvoy, 28, could become a household name in the United States after picking up his first major Best Actor nomination as the romantic lead in "Atonement," the epic 1940s drama that led the Golden Globes list of nominees.

The Scottish actor won praise last year for playing a naive British doctor in "The Last King of Scotland." He is a regular face on British TV but he remains little known in the United States. "It came as a surprise, really, and I find it quite funny, because I've never really considered myself that type of actor," McAvoy told Reuters.

Chance

Marion Cotillard, 32, is also a newcomer to Hollywood despite 14 years in the French movie industry before landing her dream role as singer Edith Piaf in "La Vie en Rose."

"When you do a French movie, you don't know if it's going to cross cultures," Cotillard mused. "What I like right now is that, I have the chance to meet interesting directors, amazing actors and producers. The fact that I would be well-known is less important than all the people you meet," she added. Cotillard was nominated for Best Actress in a Musical.

Since the Golden Globe nominations are often a reliable guide to Oscar nominations in January, Ryan Gosling—a newcomer last year for playing a drug addict in "Half Nelson"—had some timely advice for the Golden Globe freshmen. "If there is ever a time to pick up the phone, it's now!" Reuters

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